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John Johnson, Executive Director
Kentucky Commission on Human Rights
332 West Broadway, Suite 700
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

I want to express my appreciation to the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights for 50 years of dedicated efforts to ensure social and economic justice and equality for all Kentuckians. Kentucky was one of the first southern states to ban discrimination with the passage of the Kentucky Civil Rights Act which was signed into law on January 27, 1966, by then-Governor Edward T. Breathitt. This landmark legislation prohibited discrimination in employment and public accommodations. Since then, the law has been expanded to protect every Kentuckian from discrimination in housing and financial transactions, as well as discrimination based on race, gender, age, national origin, color, religion, disability, family status and tobacco smoking status. While Kentucky has made great strides in the area of civil rights, we must never lose sight of our objective to seek respect and mutual understanding among all people.

It has been my privilege to serve in the Kentucky House of Representatives since 1993, and I am proud of the General Assembly's advocacy on behalf of individuals or groups whose human rights are violated or are in danger of being violated.

Again, thank you for your continuing outstanding service and my congratulations on the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights' Golden Anniversary Recognition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Robert R. Damron". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Robert R. Damron
House Majority Caucus Chairman

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